

Population Health Webinar notes Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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West Nile virus is the most common mosquito borne disease in Kansas and the United States. The *Culex* species are the primary vector for West Nile virus in Kansas and the United States.

The latest data have all regions of Kansas at moderate risk for West Nile Virus, which means that high numbers of mosquitoes that can spread WNV have been detected. Infection with WNV is likely or has already occurred.

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KDHE released a press release on September 21st recommending the flu vaccine ahead of the flu season. We have already had several reports of people testing positive for the flu recently.

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The surveillance report for last year's flu season is available. The report includes information on emergency department visits for influenza like illness, as well as mortality data.

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If local health departments have specific needs, besides obesity data which is generally not available, please share those thoughts with Michelle Ponce at KALHD or email KHM's VISTA volunteer Victoria Miller at vmiller@khi.org.

Related note: if your county would like a custom link to KHM data for your county to place on your health department web page, please contact Roger Zornes. He can provide information you can give to your website administrator.